

AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pursuant to the Notice set forth in the February 25, 2003, Official Gazette (No. 1267-4¹) and in accordance with the procedure set forth therein, the following specification amendment is in the form of a marked-up replacement paragraph. **Please replace the first full paragraph on page 1 with the following:**

The present application relates to the following U.S. Patent Applications, all filed concurrently herewith on September 24, 2001, and all of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference in their entireties: "ZOOM LENS MECHANISM" having attorney docket No. P21180 U. S. Patent Application No. 09/960,309, "ZOOM LENS MECHANISM" having attorney docket No. P21181 Application No. 09/961,231, "ECCENTRICITY-PREVENTION MECHANISM FOR A PAIR OF LENS-SUPPORTING RINGS" having attorney docket No. P21182 Application No. 09/960,515, "RING MEMBER SHIFT MECHANISM AND LENS GROUP SHIFT MECHANISM" having attorney docket No. P21184 Application No. 09/960,518, "LENS BARREL" having attorney docket No. P21185 Application No. 09/960,520, "LENS BARREL" having attorney docket No. P21186 Application No. 09/960,382, "LENS BARREL" having attorney docket No. P21187 Application No. 09/960,516, "LENS BARREL" having attorney docket No. P21188 Application No. 09/961,233, "ZOOM LENS BARREL" having attorney docket No. P21190 Application No. 09/961,185, and "LENS BARREL" having attorney docket No. P21192 Application No. 09/961,232, each naming as inventors Hiroshi NOMURA et al.; and "LENS DRIVE CONTROL APPARATUS FOR ZOOM LENS SYSTEM HAVING A SWITCHING LENS GROUP" having attorney docket No. P21189 Application No. 09/961,186 and naming as inventor Norio NUMAKO.

¹<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/og/2003/week08/patform.htm>